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**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

6:00 p.m.

City of Huntington Beach

Civic Center – Council Chambers

2000 Main Street

Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Vice Chair Moss called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Albert Gasparian; David Hubbard; Susie Jones; Jay Kreitz (Late); Cathy McGough; Dan Moss; John Myers; Allan Pogrund; Brian Rechsteiner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nick Tomaino (excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jim B. Engle; Luann Brunson; Mary Loadsman

**PRESENTATIONS** – none.

**MINUTES:**

**Moved by Pogrund, seconded by Hubbard to approve the January 13, 2010 Community Services Commission minutes.**

**Ayes:** Gasparian; Hubbard; Kreitz; McGough; Moss; Pogrund; Rechsteiner

**Absent:** Tomaino

**Abstain:** Jones; Myers

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – none.

**DIRECTOR'S ITEMS** –

Engle advised that the Bartlett Park conceptual master plan is scheduled to be presented to City Council for approval on March 15, 2010. He added that he has spoken with Rainbow Disposal and is planning a meeting to see what can be done about having Rainbow provide trash service off of Coldwater Lane. Engle mentioned that the city is approaching the Mid-Year Budget which ends at the end of March and that staff would be presenting any updates to commission at future meetings. He provided a brief overview of the current cuts which were significant, noting the elimination of Lifeguard Services north of Goldenwest Street, reduction in funding for

senior meals, the elimination of some programs and reduction in hours for all recurrent staff. He said that the employee labor organizations came forward with making additional contributions to their retirement that helped with the budget so employees would not be laid off, and that future budget cuts may include full-time staff. Engle reported that staff would be moving forward with the Worthy Community Park master plan with Site Design starting the skate park design process. Engle reported that the city received notification from Huntington Beach Union High School District that the district voted to cancel the joint-use agreement with the city, and that the district is taking back their portion of Worthy Community Park. He explained that the school district owns 5/12ths of the park area and has plans to reconfigure the park as part of a school improvement project which will affect two of the park athletic fields the city developed. He commented that there would be a committee meeting between the board members and Council Liaisons to review the current agreements. He added that a positive relationship between the city and school districts has existed for 50 years and that he hopes a partnership would continue.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS -**

Junior Lifeguard Storage Building – Engle gave a presentation on the proposed Junior Lifeguard Storage building explaining that the Friends of the Junior Guards have raised funds to construct a 1,062 square foot storage building to provide storage for equipment and supplies for the Junior Lifeguard Program. He provided a brief background to the program noting that each year between 1,000 – 1,200 youth participate in the Junior Lifeguard Program which includes youth from other countries. He noted that currently there are cargo bins to help with storing supplies and that the proposed storage building would house special equipment utilized for training and educational purposes for the program. He explained that the project was reviewed by the City Attorney with the conclusion that Measure C is not impacted. He explained that the Friends of the Junior Guards have come forward with a contract for \$95,000 to construct the building, and noted the project is not a city project. He referred to the rendering in the presentation explaining the building finishes would be similar to the Junior Lifeguard facility with stucco and faux stone wainscot and introduced Dave Simcox, Junior Guard Program Coordinator to help answer any questions.

Poggrund asked about the space between the proposed building and the Junior Lifeguard facility, expressing concern that people may cluster at night. Engle explained that motion sensor lights would be installed to light the area.

Rechsteiner noted that he recently had a tour of the Junior Lifeguard facility and was impressed with the building and how well organized the Junior Guard program is. Engle noted that the Junior Guard Building is used as an educational facility and was furnished by the Friends of the Junior Guards.

Jones commented that she is impressed with the Junior Guard Program noting that the location is always full of kids, well managed, and well organized. Engle added that he thought it was one of the best programs the city has to offer.

Moss commented that as a school principal, many of the students who wore the Junior Guard sweatshirts were always great students and leaders. He said it was a great program.

**Motion:**

**Moved by Pogrund, seconded by Rechsteiner to approve for City Council consideration, the construction of a 1,062 square foot storage building to be placed adjacent to the Junior Lifeguard Headquarters building.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**INFORMATION ITEMS –**

Pier Buildings – Engle reported the Kite Connection and Surf City Store opened for business, noting the concessionaires are putting final touches on their displays. He reported the Let's Go Fishing concession is working on improvements which include Orange County Health Care Agency requirements, noting the concession will not have cooking facilities, but will provide pre-packaged foods and drinks.

Sports Complex Restroom/Storage Building – Engle reported that construction activity for a permanent two-stall restroom with storage area to serve the Phase II portion of the Sports Complex at Huntington Central Park is scheduled to begin March 22. He noted that the project has encountered some unforeseen issues that have impacted the schedule and created challenges; oil rigging in the area and concrete found at the ADA ramps. He commented that the project will replace the portable toilets that are being used by 100 to 200 youth and adults on a daily basis. He said the permanent restrooms are a great addition to this area of the Sports Complex.

Shipley Nature Center Restroom – Engle reported The Friends of Shipley Nature Center are excited about having permanent restrooms at the facility to serve the public and youth tours throughout the year. He explained the restroom is the same product that has been approved for the Beach Restroom and Sports Complex projects. He added that the Friends were successful in getting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to construct a permanent restroom for the exterior grounds of the nature center and that construction is scheduled to begin the week of March 22.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – none.**

### **COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center – McGough commented that the January meeting included a good exchange between the members, noting some of the topics discussed were bird deterrent options, safety concerns and the election process. She reported that one of members had been in contact with a nearby property owner (as suggested by the county), to learn if there is a solution to equestrian access to Harriet M. Weider Park. She noted that unfortunately, the owner would not support access to the park through the owner's property.

Youth Sports Grant Committee – Moss reported the committee discussed the tour and 16 projects requesting \$450,000 in grant funds. He noted that there is \$150,000 in grant funds available for recommendation, and that the committee agreed to meet again before the next commission meeting before providing a recommendation.

### **COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS –**

Chair Kreitz asked Vice Chair Moss to close the meeting. Vice Chair Moss commended staff for their hard work, especially in these difficult times.

### **ITEMS DISTRIBUTED**

Council on Aging Newsletter, February and March 2010.  
Project Self-Sufficiency 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Newsletter

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Community Services Commission regular meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Director, Community Services

By: Mary Loadsman, Recording Secretary